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SUBJ: NATIONAL DECOLONIZATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER
SPINOLA AEGIS

SUMMARY: NEW DECOLONIZATION ADVISORY GROUP CREATED AT
PRESIDENT SPINOLA,S ORDERS TO ENABLE HIM TO KEEP ON TOP
OF PROBLEMS WHICH SURE TO ARISE DURING DECOLONIZATION
PROCESS, AND TO ENABLE PORTUGAL TO MAINTAIN EXISTING CULTURAL
AND ECONOMIC INFLUENCE IN NEW STATES. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT SPINOLA HAS ISSUED A DISPATCH CREATING
NATIONAL DECOLONIZATION COMMISSION (NDC). COMMISSION,
WHICH IS ADVISORY IN NATURE, IS TO ANALYZE AND VIE ITS
OPINIONS REGARDING PROBLEMS WHICH WILL ARISE DURING THE
DECOLONIZATION PROCESS. COMMISSION ALSO SUPPOSED TO
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HELP COORDINATE AMONG THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

CONCERNED WITH DECOLONIZATION.

2. NDC HEADED BY PRESIDENT, AND INCLUDES PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES, GEN. COSTA GOMES, DEFENSE MINISTER MIGUEL, FONMIN SOARES, INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION MINISTER ALMEIDA SANTOS, AND UN AMBASSADOR VEIGA SIMAO. OTHERS MAY BE INVITED AT PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMITTEE'S WORK.

3. A COORDINATING STUDY GROUP FOR THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS ALSO ESTABLISHED UNDER SPINOLA'S LEADERSHIP TO DO SPADWORK FOR NDC. THE GROUP IS TO BE HEADED BY A PERSON OF SPINOLA'S CHOOSING, WITH A STAFF WHOSE SIZE THE PRESIDENT WILL INDICATE IN FUTURE. THE MINISTERS MENTIONED IN PARA 1 MAY ALSO DETAIL REPS TO GROUP.

4. PRINCIPAL TASKS OF STUDY GROUP AS FOLLOWS: A) COMMISSION AND COORDINATE STUDIES ON DECOLONIZATION PROCESS AND SOLICIT FOREIGN EXPERIENCES IF NEED BE; B) IDENTIFY FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS LIKELY TO ARISE IN FUTURE; C) STUDY WAYS TO ENCOURAGE PORTUGUESE FUNCTIONARIES AND TECHNICIANS TO REMAIN IN NEW NATIONS AFTER INDEPENDENCE; D) PROPOSE CONCRETE MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE PORTUGUESE CITIZENS TO REMAIN AND AID DEVELOPMENT IN NEW STATES, AND INCENTIVES TO CONVINCE MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES TO REMAIN FOR SIMILAR PURPOSES. GROUP MAY CREATE INTENSIVE COURSES TO TRAIN SOLDIERS IN USEFUL PEACETIME OCCUPATIONS. (COMMENT: THIS REFERENCE IS PRESUMABLY TO AFRICAN SOLDIERS.) STUDY GROUP ALSO CHARGED WITH SUGGESTING WAYS TO INTEGRATE INTO PORTUGUESE SOCIETY THOSE BUREAUCRATS AND CITIZENS WHO CHOOSE NOT TO REMAIN OVERSEAS.

5. LOOKING TOWARDS GOOD PORTUGUESE CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE NEW STATES, GROUP TO SUGGEST WAYS TO DEVELOP CULTURAL COMMUNITY BETWEEN NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES AND METROPOLE. NEW ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP THESE STATES IN CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARE ENVISIONED. GROUP GIVEN MANDATE TO WORK OUT SPECIFICS WITH COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OVERSEAS.

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6. IN EDUCATIONAL FIELD, GROUP TO STUDY WAYS TO AID OVERSEAS STUDENTS WHO WILL STUDY AT UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL LEVEL IN METROPOLE. NEW METHODS TO TEACH PORTUGUESE WILL BE EXPLORED, AND MEASURES PROPOSED TO FACILITATE RECRUITMENT OF HEALTH, ENGINEERING, AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMICS PROFESSORS FOR NEW STATES.

7. GROUP ALSO ENCHARGED WITH SUGGESTING USEFUL STUDIES

REGARDING TRADE AGREEMENTS AND COORDINATING MECHANISMS
FOR MONETARY, FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL POLICY BASED ON
"MUTUAL INTERESTS AND GENERALIZED SYSTEMS OF TARIFF
PREFERENCES."

8. FINALLY, GROUP TO COORDINATE STUDIES REGARDING
INDUSTRIALIZATION IN NEW STATES AND SUGGEST COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENTS IN AIR AND SEA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, AND
IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, POSTAL, AND METEOROLOGICAL FIELDS.
HELP IN DRAWING UP NEW DEVELOPMENT PLANS ALSO MADE A
FUNCTION OF STUDY GROUP.

9. COMMENT: NEW GROUP APPEARS DESIGNED TO HELP
PRESIDENT SPINOLA KEEP ON TOP OF RAPIDLY CHANGING
SITUATION IN OVERSEAS, AND ENABLE PORTUGAL TO MAINTAIN
CLOSE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL TIES WITH NEW STATES
BY OFFERING SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IT IS VERY
MUCH IN PORTUGAL'S INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE OVERSEAS SETTLERS
TO REMAIN ABROAD. WITH UNEMPLOYMENT GROWING AND EXPECTED
TO WORSEN LATER THIS YEAR, THE LAST THING PORTUGAL NEEDS
IS AN INFLUX OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF NEW JOB SEEKERS.
WE ESPECIALLY NOTE PRESENCE OF VEIGA SIMAO ON COMMISSION.
THIS WOULD APPEAR TO GIVE HIM QUASI-MINISTERIAL
STATUS AND CERTAINLY ENHANCES HIS POSITION IN DOMESTIC
POLITICAL SCENE.
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